

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (ORIGINAL) A toothbrush comprising at least one of bristles of a synthetic resin with which a product obtained by pulverizing shells having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate is mixed, or a handle of a synthetic resin with which a product obtained by pulverizing shells having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate is mixed.

2. (ORIGINAL) A toothbrush comprising at least one of bristles coated with a coating material containing a product obtained by pulverizing shells having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate, or a handle coated with a coating material containing a product obtained by pulverizing shells having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The toothbrush according to Claim 1-~~or~~ 2, wherein the product is a mixture of a calcium carbonate powder comprising porous granules which is a shell powder having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate and a calcium oxide powder prepared by calcining the calcium carbonate powder, or an aqueous solution of the mixture.

4. (NEW) The toothbrush according to Claim 2, wherein the product is a mixture of a calcium carbonate powder comprising porous granules which is a shell powder having crystalline structural body of calcite type structure of calcium carbonate

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and a calcium oxide powder prepared by calcining the calcium carbonate powder, or an aqueous solution of the mixture.